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For: NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR LASER  
DEVICE AND OPTICAL PICKUP  
APPARATUS THEREWITH

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Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the attached reference be placed in the file wrapper under 37 CFR 1.97(i).

Japanese Patent Laying-open No. 11-340573 discloses a nitride semiconductor laser device. The present claims relate to a nitride semiconductor laser device having a particular width of a ridged stripe and a thickness of the stripe. Applicants submit the document does not disclose or suggest a nitride semiconductor laser device having the particular features recited by the claims.

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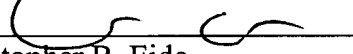
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